

# Follow the Tomato

## Purpose

A service-learning course was developed for students to learn about social, economic, health, and environmental consequences related to the food system. Students “followed the tomato” by engaging in the food system from the farm to the fork. These experiences contributed to learning about community-based strategies to address food insecurity, community engagement techniques, and prompted discussions about food as a human rights issue.

## Impact

Students created infographics and produced five-minute videos to a community audience at Mount Carmel Community Health Resource Center.

Franklinton Gardens created community-generated group topics related to food insecurity, economic development, and health/nutrition.

Students worked at Franklinton Gardens, Gladden Food Pantry, and LifeCare Alliance’s produce distribution program.



## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Social Work  
Nutrition  
EEDS  
Spanish  
Medical Dietetics

## Community Partners Involved

Franklinton Gardens  
Gladden Food Pantry  
Lifecare Alliance  
Mount Carmel Community Health Resource Center  
Franklinton Board of Trade  
Kroger Pantry at Mid-Ohio Foodbank  
Saint John’s Episcopal Church  
Lower Lights Christian Health Center  
Mount Carmel Community Health Resource Center

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